

Easter Day



THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

APRIL 5, 2026

11:00 AM

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension
Lafayette, LA

PRELUDE

Thine Be the Glory

Handel

INTROIT

Good Christians all rejoice and sing

vv.1-2

HYMNAL 205

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMNAL 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People
The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

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The Collect for Purity *sung*

BCP 355

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Gloria *Glory to God* *Intoned by Celebrant*

Hymnal S-201

The "S" indicates Service Music found in the front section of the Hymnal

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY *sung*

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Acts

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *All:* **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM *sung by choir*

118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted! t
he right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1-4

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *All:* **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn

He is risen

Hymnal 180

He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore
sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning,
hail our Lord's triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming
yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple east,
symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

The Holy Gospel:

John 20:1-18

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first,

also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. *All:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV'D FR. MATTHEW AINSLEY

The Nicene Creed *Standing, said by all*

BCP 327

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM III *sung*

The People kneel.

Deacon or Cantor *People*

Fa - ther, we pray for thy ho - ly Cath - o - lic Church; That we all may be one.

Deacon or Cantor

Grant that ev - e - ry mem - ber of the Church may tru - ly and hum - bly serve thee;

People

That thy Name may be glo - ri - fied by all peo - ple.

Deacon or Cantor

We pray for all bish - ops, priests, and dea - cons;

People

That they may be faith - ful min - i - sters of thy word and sac - ra - ments.

Deacon or Cantor

We pray for all who gov - ern and hold auth - or - i - ty in the na - tions of the world;

People

That there may be just - ice and peace on earth.

Deacon or Cantor

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we un - der - take;

People

That our works may find fav - or in thy sight.

Deacon or Cantor
 Have com - pass - ion on those who suf - fer from an - y grief or trou - ble;

People
 That they may be de - liv - ered from their dis - tress.

Deacon or Cantor
 Give to the de - part - ed e - ter - nal rest;

People
 Let light per - pet - u - al shine up - on them.

Deacon or Cantor
 We praise thee for thy saints who have en - tered in - to joy;

People
 May we al - so come to share in thy heav - en - ly king - dom.

Deacon or Cantor
 Let us pray for our own needs, and the needs of o - thers.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE *sung*

Celebrant
 The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you.

People
 And with thy spi - rit.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Hallelujah, Amen from Judas Maccabeus* Handel

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own, have we given thee. Present yourself as a living sacrifice. Holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship.

THE SURSUM CORDA

The people stand. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
 It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

S-113

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be
 to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
 in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

Concludes with Amen being sung.

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Celebrant *People*
 A-men.

Lord's Prayer *Said by all*

The
 BCP 336

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Antiphon
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Then the Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All those baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, including young children, are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you are unable or do not wish to receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; please indicate this by crossing your arms on your chest.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The day of resurrection!
At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Hymnal 210
 Hymnal 174

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION ANTHEM


Hallelujah Chorus

Handel

The Blessing


Dismissal *Sung by Celebrant*

Deacon



Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

DISMISSAL HYMN

Christ is alive, let Christians sing

HYMNAL 182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Marcello

The Flowers and Easter lilies decorating the church this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory or honor of...

Howard M. Perdue	Robert Joseph and Ann Cranwell Justice
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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Our Vestry and Clergy- our brother, Joseph, Alison Higginbotham, Arthur White, Sterling Lejeune, Betsy Vigorito, Becky Slagle, Janet Limouze, Joe and Christina, Albert Davis, Susan Oglesbee, Ann Jacobs, David Snyder, Janet Bernhardt, Jan Hamilton, Reese Forest, Fiona Chisholm, Peezie Alfred, Wendy Ortego, Perry Joseph, Gail White, Kelly and Dave Domangue, Troy LeBouef, Ashlynn Broussard, Rick Onks, Lynette Newchurch, Neil Joseph, Rachelle Morgan, Ed Keller, William Keller, Gili Menashe Robinson, Donny, Elliot, Emily Chapin, Kelly, Carol Hamilton Hunt, Brenda Privat, James, Evie, and Malaina, Margaret DeGruy, Mark Weems, Lara McKinnis, the Family of Quinten, Kit Gumbs, Carolyn Barker, Pat Vallery, Catherine McGowen, Dorothy Goings, Amber, Pauline, Sandie Jordan, Donald Leger, Jr., Sasha, Charles Lewis, Mike Comeaux, Carol Jane, Renee, Marc, Carolyn, Virginia Morrison, Graison Louviere, Tom & Jillian, Mark & Frevet, Stephanie, Landon Romero, Kate Graciana, Tom Bryant, Kathleen David, Mac Camille, Lauren Immel Meyers, Mona Coulter, Patricia Coleman, Stephan, Susan Segura, the family of Randy Morgan, Logan Kisamore, Lois Henry, Carol Gilley, Phil Swift, Lynn Trahan, Valerie Daly, Ann Shower, Steve Baker, Pete Peters, Luke Heggy, and friends and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Bishop and his Staff, The Standing Committee, the Diocesan Council, First Presbyterian Church, and The Diocese of Victoria Nyanza-The Anglican Church of Tanzania. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church office will be closed on **Monday, April 6.**

Children's Church will be on break **April 12th.**

Ascension Men: Mark your calendars! The Ascension Men's Annual Crawfish boil will be Thursday, April 16, 6pm at the Church. We hope to see you there!

Save the Date: Our annual Parish Picnic will be April 26. More details to come.

Tuesday Bible Study: Continues each Tuesday evening from 6-7pm in the Owen Room. We will begin study of 1 Kings. Teachers: Doug Driggers, Laurie Godshall, Elizabeth Hesterly, Sarah McNamara. Please bring your Bible and invite a friend.

Lector: Gail White

Ushers: Mike Immel

Acolytes: Cannon Schwegmann, Parker Roberts, Wells Randall, Rex Randall,

Thurifer: Campbell Womack

Music: Stacy Shumaker, Minister of Music and John Moore, organ, and Choir

Musicians: Joshua Stutes, Trumpet, Hannah Urdea, Violin I, Paula Navarro, Violin II, Nohelia Gutierrez, Viola, Joh Madere, Bass, Avery Guidry, Timpani, Andrea Loewy, Flute

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